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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of Amendment No. 5 to the Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

5 **Transit Element**

- Adds Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute Program) funds in Fiscal Years (FY) 2008/09 and 2009/10. Funding is for operating expense for MAX Express and consists of \$33,000 of FTA Section 5316 funds in FYs 2008/09 and 09/10 and an equal amount of local match.
- Adds FTA Section 5317 (New Freedom Program) in FYs 2008/09 and 2009/10. Funding is for operating expense for MAX Express and consists of \$2,000 of FTA Section 5317 funds in FYs 2008/09 and 2009/10 and an equal amount of local match.

Local and State Element

- Programs the Alternative Transit Amenities project using local measure funds in FY 2008/09. The funding for this project will be converted to FTA Section 5311 Economic Recovery funds via administrative modification at a later date.

- Programs \$2,279,000 of local measure funds for a new non capacity increasing grouped project listing for local streets and roads resurfacing, reconstruction or rehabilitation at various locations. The funding for this project will be converted to Federal Highway Administration Economic Recovery funds via an administrative modification at a later date. It is recommended that the project description be changed at that time to be consistent with Title 40, Section 93.126-127 Tables 2 and 3, or the categorical exclusion categories specified in Title 40, Section 771.17.

See Enclosure.

The MCTC Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that projects included meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation Part 450, and satisfy the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve MCTC's Amendment No. 5. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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